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SUBJ : CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR PARTS SUPPORT OF

1. AS POSTS ARE AWARE, U.S. COAST GUARD OPERATES  
AIRCRAFT OUT OF ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND MARCH-JULY EACH  
YEAR IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL AGREEMENT  
(TO WHICH CANADA IS SIGNATOR).

2. COGARD HAS IN PAST ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL PROBLEMS  
PROVIDING PARTS SUPPORT FOR ITS AIRCRAFT, THE CHIEF ONE  
BEING EXTENSIVE (UP TO ONE WEEK) DELAYS CAUSED BY  
NECESSITY FOR THE PARTS TO CLEAR CANADIAN CUSTOMS. THIS  
HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN THE PARTS HAVE NOT BEEN  
ACCOMPANIED BY A COURIER.

3. ALTHOUGH COGARD MAINTAINS A SMALL INVENTORY OF SPARE  
PARTS AT ST. JOHNS, IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO BE PREPARED FOR  
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ALL POSSIBLE MECHANICAL FAILURES. THUS, WHEN SUCH A  
FAILURE RESULTS IN A GROUNDING, THE ENTIRE OPERATION OF  
THE PATROL IS TERMINATED UNTIL THE NECESSARY PART IS  
RECEIVED. CURRENT PRACTICE IS THAT PARTS SHIPMENTS (WITH  
PROPER DOCUMENTATION) MUST BE ROUTED THROUGH CANADIAN  
CUSTOMS IN HALIFAX PRIOR TO DELIVERY AT ST. JOHNS. IF A

SHIPMENT ARRIVES IN ST. JOHNS ON A WEEKEND, IT MUST SIT UNTIL MONDAY MORNING BEFORE IT CAN BE RELEASED.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPROPRIATELY DOCUMENTED U.S. COGARD AIRCRAFT PARTS BOUND FOR ST. JOHNS. IN OTHER WORDS, SOME FORM OF QUOTE RED TAG UNQUOTE PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD SERVE TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF CLEARING CUSTOMS. THIS SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS A COMPLAINT SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESENT PRACTICE IS IN ACCORD WITH CANADIAN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT CANADA BENEFITS FROM INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL AND AIRCRAFT DOWNTIME NATURALLY DEGRADES COGARD EFFORT ON BEHALF OF ALL MARITIME NATIONS USING NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING LANES.

5. FYI: LOCAL CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WILL BE ADVISED OF THIS INQUIRY.

6. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE STATE AND COGARD OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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